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| In re PATENT APPLICATION of:   | :                         |
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| Yoshiyuki ISHIKURA et al.  | : Confirmation No.: 9548  |
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| Application No. 10/562,716   | : Group Art Unit: 1614    |
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| FOR: PREVENTIVE OR AMELIORATING AGENT FOR LIVER DISEASE INVOLVING<br>HEPATOPATHY |                           |

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**  
**&**  
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

In response to the NON-FINAL Office Action mailed April 26, 2011, the Office is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks. Applicants petition herewith for a THREE-month extension of time and submit the corresponding fee, extending the period of response until October 26, 2011.

**Amendments** to the claims begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.

An **Information Disclosure Statement** is concurrently submitted.